

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (Kunnamkulam): May I know whether the areas in Chittur Taluk are supplied from Palghat and the areas in Kunnamkulam are supplied from Chowghat?

Mr. M. M. Paul (Commissioner of Civil Supplies): For Chittur, we are still supplied from Palghat. For Kunnamkulam, I want notice.

Mr. A. B. Salem (Mattancheri): May I know whether you get it from B. O. C. or S. O. C.?

Mr. M. M. Paul (Commissioner of Civil Supplies): From both.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait (Mattancheri): May I know Sir, the quantity that we were getting before the war?

Mr. M. M. Paul (Commissioner of Civil Supplies): I have not got the exact figures.

Mr. A. B. Salem (Mattancheri): What proportion of the normal quantity do you get now?

Mr. M. M. Paul (Commissioner of Civil Supplies): Roughly about 50 per cent was reduced.

EXPORT OF TAPIOCA POWDER—PARTICULARS OF

152. Mr. M. K. Devassy (Adur): Will Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is aware that large quantities of tapioca in the form of powder are being exported from the State;

(b) whether the Government is aware that the Travancore Government has prohibited the export of tapioca from Travancore in all forms;

(c) whether the Government will be pleased to prohibit the export of tapioca from this State either as raw tapioca or in any manufactured form?

Mr. M. M. Paul (Commissioner of Civil Supplies):

(a) There has been export of tapioca in the form of powder from the State. It is difficult to estimate the quantity exported. This has since been reported and brought under control.

(b) Yes, except under permits to be issued by the Excise Commissioner.

(c) Government have already prohibited the export of tapioca in any form, to any place outside Cochin State except under permit from Government.

SUSPENSION OF A TEACHER IN THE PRIMARY VERNACULAR SCHOOL, MANGAD

153. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (Kunnamkulam): Will Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there was any complaint from Mr. C. I. Verghese, teacher of the Primary Vernacular School, Mangad, that one prostitute was brought over at the instance of the School Manager to assault and insult the teacher on the 22nd, 23rd or 24th of Vrischigam 1118;

(b) whether the teacher was suspended and the suspension cancelled subsequently;

(c) whether the petition has been enquired into;

(d) if there is no petition or complaint in this case, whether Government be pleased to inquire whether any such incident like that happened in this school;

(e) whether any officer of the Education Department interfered in this affair and effected a compromise with the teacher and manager;

(f) whether the manager of an aided school can suspend a teacher without the sanction of the Departmental Head;

(g) whether the Head-master of the school suppressed the petition presented by the teacher thus insulted by the prostitute;

(h) whether the people in the village have petitioned the Director to change the management of the institution after this incident;

(i) whether any orders have been passed on this petition?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction):

(a) No; but there was a petition from the teacher stating that he was placed under suspension by the Manager without assigning any reason.

(b) Yes.

(c) No enquiry was made as the teacher was reinstated by the Manager himself before an enquiry could be made. The teacher also did not press for an enquiry, and so the affair was closed after warning the Manager against such unauthorised suspension of teachers.

(d) Not necessary in view of the answer to sub-division (c) of the question.

- (e) Not known.
- (f) No.
- (g) No.
- (h) No.
- (i) Does not arise.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (Kunnamkulam): May I know, Sir, whether after receiving my question 153 and also after reading sub-division (a), the Hon'ble Member for Education made any enquiry whether such an incident took place even though the teacher himself had hidden the matter?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction): I do not quite understand.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (Kunnamkulam): I have alleged that a prostitute was brought before a teacher. When such an allegation was made by a member of the Legislative Council did the Hon'ble Member for Education enquire into the matter even though the teacher had hidden the matter from the petition.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction): Some sort of enquiry was made. The fact is it is very difficult to know the nature of the person who made the assault. There was a complaint received from the Headmaster which said some woman went to the class and was making great noise and since it disturbed work, the Headmaster came and ordered her out. On further questioning it was discovered that the teacher owed her some money. That is the report.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (Kunnamkulam): Is the amount due for repayment of a loan or is it for wages due for some other work done by her for him?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction): It was discovered he owed her some money. I did not think any useful purpose would be served by questioning further. So the matter was dropped.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (Kunnamkulam): Was this the only information which the Hon'ble Member for Education received? Did he send the Inspector and make an enquiry?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction): The Inspector has made an enquiry and made this report?

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (Kunnamkulam): Will the Hon'ble Member be pleased to read the report?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction): I can satisfy the Hon'ble Member. There is nothing confidential about it. I will search and find out the report.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (Kunnamkulam): Will the Hon'ble Member for Education give the reply to-morrow?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction): Oh, yes. I am also prepared to answer now as far as I know.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (Kunnamkulam): When a prostitute goes to a teacher for payment of money in the precincts of a school, is it justifiable on the part of the Head of the institution to suppress such a serious matter?

Mr. President: That is a hypothetical question. That is not a supplementary question.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (Kunnamkulam): I shall abide by the ruling of the chair. Has the Director of Public Instruction made an enquiry as to my allegation in sub-division (e)?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction): I said I have received some information and I have tried to place that before the House. Actually a woman went to the school and demanded money. What her character was or what precisely was her motive in assualting, as the Hon'ble Member for Kunnamkulam puts it, these questions did not arise. It was found that it was an old debt and had to be paid.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (Cranganur): But this happened during class hours.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction): The Education Department has no power in dealing with cases of assault, even if there was an assault. So that the facts in my possession go to show that beyond the fact that this woman went inside the class-room when work was actually in progress, I have no further information to give any specific answer.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (Kunnamkulam): Will the Hon'ble Member for Education go and make a thorough enquiry in the light of the information now received, and that, if possible, a joint enquiry with the Commissioner of Police in Co-operation with the public of the locality?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction): For one thing I have no objection to do it. My only point is it does not seem to require all this elaborate research. I am prepared to accept the statement of the Hon'ble Member that a person intruded on the working

of the class and if there are any remedies which lie within my power I am prepared to enforce that.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (Kunnamkulam): I allege that the Manager purposely engaged this prostitute to insult this teacher by publicly demanding money from him for the so called work turned out by her. If the Manager was a party to such an action, is it desirable to allow such a person to continue as manager? If the Hon'ble Member for Education shall make a thorough enquiry in the interest of public morals.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction): I am prepared to accept the statement made as an absolutely veracious statement and I am prepared to make an enquiry. I do not think it requires any further elucidation.

Mr. A. B. Salem (Mattancheri): It is a question between the manager and the teacher.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (Cranganur): It is not a question of the manager and the teacher. It is a question of the public.

Mr. A. B. Salem (Mattancheri): The manager himself reinstated the teacher.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (Cranganur): To-morrow another prostitute may come to the Legislative Council. Is the House to take it from the Hon'ble Member for Education that the manager instigated this particular woman to go and assault the teacher? Does the Hon'ble Member for Education accept that statement?

Mr. President: That can be known only after the enquiry by the Hon'ble Member.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (Kunnamkulam): Has the Director of Public Instruction received any petition till now from the people of the village?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction): No.

TEXT BOOKS—IV AND V FORMS

154. മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. നായർ: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു് ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവണ്മെണ്ടു് ഭയവായി മറുപടിപറയുമോ.—

(എ) ഈ വിദ്യാലയവൃഷ്ഠിയിൽ ആറു കൊല്ലത്തേക്കു് നാലും അഞ്ചും ഫാറങ്ങളിൽ പഠിപ്പിക്കുവാൻ നിശ്ചയിച്ചു എഴുപ്പട്ടത്തിയിട്ടുള്ള പാഠപുസ്തകങ്ങളേതെല്ലാം;

(ബി) ഇതിലേതെങ്കിലും പാഠപുസ്തകങ്ങൾ അടുത്ത വിദ്യാലയവൃഷ്ഠി മുതൽ മാറ്റുവാൻ ഉദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ;

(സി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ എന്തെല്ലാം?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (Director of Public Instruction):

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